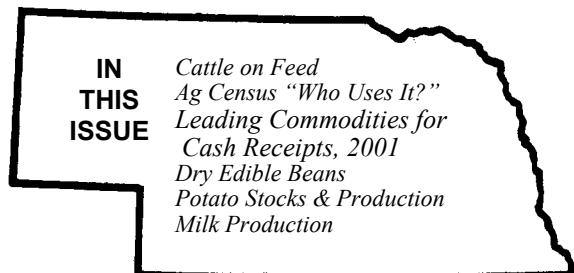


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CATTLE ON FEED

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.18 million cattle on feed on December 1, down 4 percent from last year and 10 percent below 2000.

United States cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on December 1, 2002. The inventory was 8 percent below December 1, 2001 and 9 percent below December 1, 2000.

Dear Agriculturist:

What a challenge 2002 has been for Nebraska agriculture. However, I'm confident everyone who reads this will be at it again next year.

You will be doing your best to support agriculture or actually produce commodities. And, we will be here doing our best to provide accurate statistics for your policy, marketing, and investment decisions.

Thanks to all who contributed data about their operations or assisted in other ways this past year. You made it possible for us to release county, state, and national statistics like those in this publication.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

William G. Hamlin
State Statistician

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

STATE	December 1 Number on Feed ¹			November Placements			November Marketings			November Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	303	295	97	31	32	103	27	24	89	2	3	150
California	490	500	102	70	65	93	45	50	111	5	5	100
Colorado	1,160	1,070	92	175	190	109	180	170	94	5	10	200
Idaho	340	300	88	74	60	81	61	53	87	3	2	67
Iowa	350	350	100	75	80	107	64	63	98	1	2	200
Kansas	2,640	2,300	87	410	420	102	420	395	94	20	25	125
Nebraska	2,270	2,180	96	390	410	105	305	330	108	15	10	67
New Mexico	108	123	114	15	18	120	14	11	79	1	1	100
Oklahoma	385	340	88	59	55	93	66	53	80	3	2	67
So. Dakota	195	195	100	53	56	106	29	30	103	0	1	
Texas	2,990	2,700	90	430	470	109	500	475	95	20	25	125
Washington	260	195	75	48	40	83	45	29	64	1	1	100
Other States	400	350	88	78	81	104	44	48	109	4	3	75
United States	11,891	10,898	92	1,908	1,977	104	1,800	1,731	96	80	90	113

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, December 20, 2002.

*Do you have a stake in the upcoming
2002 Census of Agriculture?*

Yes, everyone reading this publication most certainly does. Where else would you get the extensive range of local data available from the census?

Users run the gamut! They include farmers and ranchers, specialty operations, local ag businesses, universities, government agencies, and state and national legislators to name a few.

Have you used Ag Census or other USDA-NASS data in your decision processes-to set policy, in marketing your products, or make investment decisions? Did you use statistics to determine the feasibility of an ethanol plant, unit train elevator or some other facility? Did you use statistics to justify a loan or develop a market plan? If so, then you were probably a user of census or other USDA-NASS data.

Please respond to the upcoming 2002 Census and/or encourage others to complete the report form so we can provide accurate data for future decisions. Thanks for your support.

By Bill Hamlin, State Statistician, USDA-NASS, Lincoln, NE

2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

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Do yourself and other American farmers and ranchers a favor. When you receive your 2002 Census of Agriculture report form in late December, fill it out and return it by February 3, 2003. It's the law.

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Nebraska: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2001

Rank	Items	Value of receipts <i>1,000 Dollars</i>	Percent of total receipts <i>Percent</i>	Cumulative percent ¹ <i>Percent</i>	Percent of U.S. value ² <i>Percent</i>	Value of U.S. receipts <i>1,000 Dollars</i>
	All commodities	9,488,580	100.0		4.7	202,849,408
	Livestock and products	6,086,231	64.1		5.7	106,431,172
	Crops	3,402,349	35.9		3.5	96,418,236
1	Cattle and calves	5,066,786	53.4	53.4	12.5	40,439,877
2	Corn	1,950,635	20.6	74.0	11.4	17,108,878
3	Soybeans	887,188	9.4	83.3	6.9	12,777,099
4	Hogs	711,323	7.5	90.8	5.7	12,455,792
5	Dairy Products	167,024	1.8	92.6	0.7	24,694,531
6	Wheat	164,324	1.7	94.3	2.9	5,719,222
7	Hay	135,499	1.4	95.7	3.0	4,556,955
8	Chicken eggs	95,532	1.0	96.7	2.1	4,444,864
9	Sorghum grain	61,905	0.7	97.4	6.8	905,052
10	Dry beans	53,664	0.6	97.9	13.7	392,143
11	Potatoes	51,457	0.5	98.5	2.1	2,464,275
12	Sugar beets	24,528	0.3	98.7	2.8	885,172
13	Greenhouse/nursery	21,000	0.2	99.0	0.2	13,794,634
14	Millet, proso	11,121	0.1	99.1	30.1	36,920
15	Sheep and lambs	8,603	0.1	99.2	2.2	393,823
16	Oats	1,707	0.0	99.2	2.2	78,575
17	Honey	1,362	0.0	99.2	1.1	127,067
18	Broilers	1,053	0.0	99.2	0.0	16,688,339
19	Barley	346	0.0	99.2	0.1	528,919
20	Wool	124	0.0	99.2	0.8	15,193
21	Farm chickens	16	0.0	99.2	0.0	46,016
	Government payments ³	1,297,623			6.3	20,727,496
	Net farm income ⁴	1,610,282			3.5	45,740,874

¹ The cumulative percentage is the sum of the percent of total receipts for each commodity and all preceding commodities. ² Percent State receipts are of U.S. receipts for same line item. ³ Government payments made directly to farmers in cash or Payment-in-Kind. ⁴ Net farm income, a value of production measure, is the farm operator's share of the sector's net value added to the National economy from production activities within a calendar year.

Source: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2001, Economic Research Service, USDA, August 5, 2002.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2000-2002¹

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested			Yield ³			Production ³		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		
California	115.0	88.0	92.0	112.0	85.0	89.0	1,840	1,760	2,030	2,059	1,496	1,807
Colorado	120.0	115.0	92.0	110.0	105.0	85.0	1,800	1,700	2,100	1,980	1,785	1,785
Idaho	90.0	75.0	95.0	88.0	73.0	93.0	1,950	1,950	2,000	1,716	1,424	1,860
Kansas	18.0	15.0	18.0	16.0	14.0	14.5	1,810	1,850	1,100	289	259	160
Michigan	285.0	215.0	270.0	275.0	130.0	265.0	1,500	600	1,850	4,125	780	4,903
Minnesota	165.0	115.0	170.0	150.0	105.0	150.0	1,600	1,500	1,650	2,400	1,575	2,475
Montana	40.5	43.5	26.5	34.8	28.5	23.0	1,400	1,320	1,630	486	376	374
Nebraska	165.0	160.0	185.0	156.0	148.0	165.0	2,070	2,150	2,100	3,230	3,185	3,465
New Mexico ²		15.0	8.0		15.0	8.0		2,000	1,800		300	144
New York	25.0	23.0	25.0	24.5	22.3	24.5	1,460	870	1,360	358	194	333
North Dakota	610.0	440.0	790.0	525.0	400.0	690.0	1,450	1,550	1,530	7,613	6,200	10,557
Oregon	12.0	10.0	9.8	11.7	9.5	9.1	1,800	1,810	1,730	211	172	157
South Dakota ³	11.0	18.0	21.0	10.8	17.0	16.0	2,090	1,590	1,630	226	270	261
Texas	20.0	30.0	37.5	16.6	26.4	32.5	950	1,320	970	158	348	315
Utah	5.4	6.1	1.8	3.0	5.7	0.3	330	300	1,670	10	17	5
Washington	32.0	34.0	41.0	32.0	34.0	41.0	2,000	1,700	2,000	640	578	818
Wisconsin	8.3	6.3	7.1	8.1	6.1	7.0	1,800	1,800	1,960	146	110	137
Wyoming	36.0	27.0	30.0	34.0	24.0	27.0	2,240	2,140	2,200	762	514	594
United States	1,758.2	1,435.9	1,919.7	1,607.5	1,248.5	1,739.9	1,643	1,569	1,733	26,409	19,583	30,150

¹ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. ² Estimates discontinued in 2000, reinstated in 2001. ³ Clean Basis.

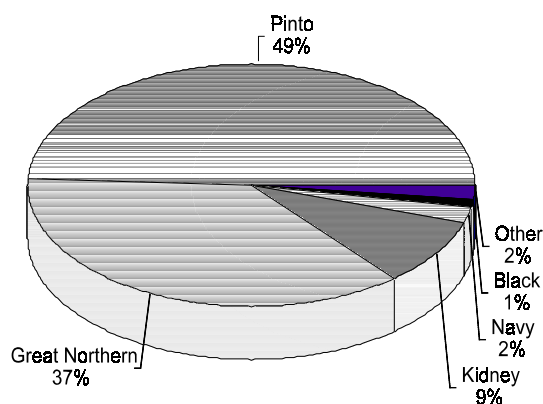
Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, December 10, 2002.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production, by Commercial Class, Nebraska, 2000-2002

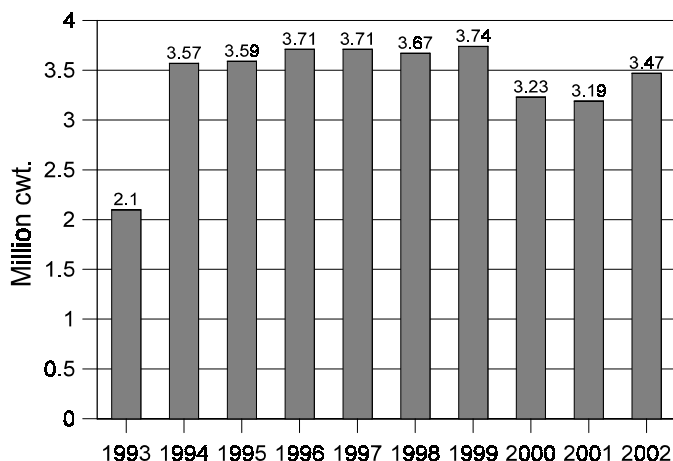
Class	Area Planted			Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		
Navy	4.0		2.9	3.5		2.7	2,200		2,520	77		68
Great Northern	104.5	84.0	77.8	100.0	79.0	67.7	2,040	2,260	1,900	2,040	1,786	1,286
Pinto	39.0	53.5	80.7	36.0	47.5	76.0	2,080	2,210	2,250	749	1,050	1,709
Light Red Kidney	13.0	11.5	14.0	12.3	11.0	13.7	2,200	1,900	2,300	271	209	315
Black	0.8	1.1	2.3	0.8	1.0	2.1	2,250	2,200	1,810	18	22	38
Garbanzo		6.3			6.0			800			48	
Other	3.7	3.6	7.3	3.4	3.5	2.8	2,210	2,000	1,750	75	70	49
Total	165.0	160.0	185.0	156.0	148.0	165.0	2,070	2,150	2,100	3,230	3,185	3,465

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, December 10, 2002.

NEBRASKA -- DRY EDIBLE BEANS, 2002 PRODUCTION BY COMMERCIAL CLASSES



NEBRASKA DRY BEAN PRODUCTION 1993-2002



Potato Stocks

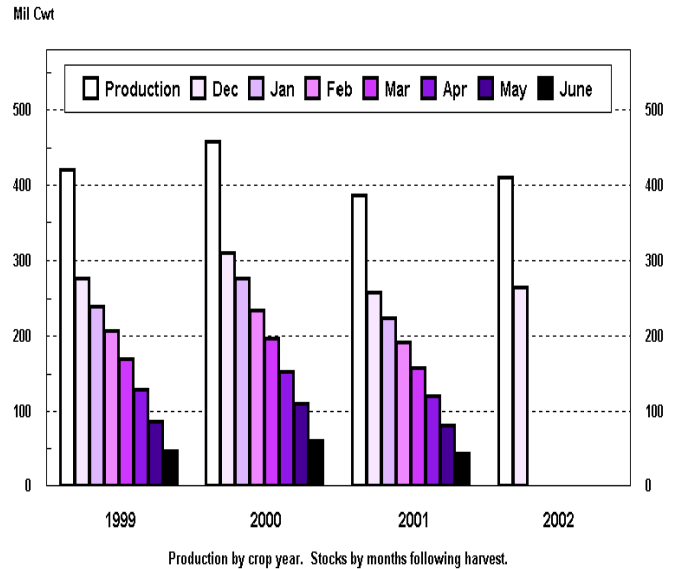
**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks,
15 Major States, December 1, 2002¹**

State	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2002
<i>Thousand Cwt.</i>		
California	4,450	1,500
Colorado	27,885	20,100
Idaho	133,385	92,000
Maine	16,960	12,600
Michigan	13,878	7,900
Minnesota	18,700	12,000
Montana	3,213	3,050
Nebraska	8,414	5,650
New York	5,500	2,500
North Dakota	23,460	16,000
Ohio	1,008	190
Oregon	24,936	18,000
Pennsylvania	2,590	1,200
Washington	95,200	53,000
Wisconsin	31,125	19,500
Total 15 States	410,704	265,190

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, December 13, 2002.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
15 Storage States**



Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 20 Selected States, 2001-2002¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
<i>Thousands</i>							
January	7,784	7,745	1,549	1,585	12,059	12,272	102
February	7,764	7,744	1,431	1,468	11,108	11,365	102
March	7,743	7,744	1,599	1,649	12,384	12,771	103
April	7,740	7,754	1,571	1,619	12,156	12,555	103
May	7,749	7,764	1,632	1,677	12,647	13,021	103
June	7,751	7,779	1,555	1,583	12,052	12,315	102
July	7,746	7,783	1,552	1,581	12,025	12,306	102
August	7,735	7,790	1,520	1,570	11,754	12,232	104
September	7,730	7,785	1,472	1,498	11,376	11,663	103
October	7,726	7,792	1,522	1,541	11,756	12,004	102
November	7,739	7,793	1,485	1,501	11,492	11,697	102
December	7,750		1,549		12,008		
Annual	7,746		18,438		142,817		

¹ 2002 revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, December 16, 2002.

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